

Key Open-Cell training experiences

It is not possible to be a successful Open-Cell leader in theory only. We might be experts in understanding principles but the most important training is always practical and skill based. This section of the log book covers key learning experiences and skills sets vital to successful Open-Cell leadership. Your trainer will help you in the planning and carrying out of the various exercises. There is no particular order in which these training experiences are to be carried out, but they do all eventually need to be completed to a satisfactory level and signed off by your trainer.

Cell Leadership (1)

With the aid of the trainer and/or cell leader the LDP student should plan, lead and report on at least three of the cell meetings of which they are a member. They should also report the meetings online with the leader's supervision.

Key experiences:

- To plan a cell meeting within the context of the wider church diary and focus.
- To understand how to utilise Sunday sermon notes in a small group setting.
- To be able to lead an inclusive meeting where the loud don't dominate and the quiet aren't forgotten.
- To balance the discipleship/evangelism focus of the Open-Cell.
- To discuss/plan with their leader/trainer the cell goals and progress on the ladder of success of their cell companions.
- Monitored by their leader/trainer they are to report online regarding the three cell meetings that they have led.
- To know how to practically report their cell meeting online

I confirm that the student has completed this practical task in Open-Cell Leadership to my satisfaction. I have discussed the experience with the student having received any feedback or questions from them. I have also given any relevant input needed in this particular area

Trainer's comments and follow up.

Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Trainer:

I confirm that I have completed the practical task to the satisfaction of my trainer. I am satisfied with the help I received in implementing the above tasks and any questions I have regarding the assignment have been adequately addressed.

My comments and follow up.

Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Student:

Cell Leadership (2)

To participate in the 'Friendship Factor' principles of the Groups of Three in the cell in which they are a member.

Key experiences:

- To identify and foster their own group of three identifying key activities in facilitating this and to record any activities or actions involved in the Groups of Three over any given month.
- Fostering relationship and mutual personal support for key spiritual friendships

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My comments and follow up.

Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Student:

SUNDAY SERVICE

To volunteer and serve in a key Sunday team. Although the student may apply for any of the 12 teams it is strongly recommended that they consider doing at least a six month service period in the Consolidation team as this will be the best team to help them prepare and mature new disciples and launch their Open-Cell.

Key experiences:

- To serve in congregational ministry as well as cell ministry
- To grow their new cell from new visitors and believers
- To model Sunday service to their future cell members

I confirm that the student has volunteered for a Sunday team.

The team that they have joined:

Trainer's comments and follow up.

Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Trainer:

My comments and follow up.

Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Student:

ENCOUNTER

The Encounter Weekend is an essential part of our cell vision and each cell member is encouraged to go on at least one Encounter weekend a year.

The Open-Cell leader mobilises and spiritually prepares their members for the Encounter weekend and can be expected to be a small group guide on the actual weekend.

Your trainer and/or cell leader will help you fulfil this role at the next appropriate encounter helping those that are in your new Open-Cell or else your companions in the cell you are currently a member in.

Key experiences:

- Mobilising, preparing and encouraging cell members ready for an encounter weekend
- Guiding, looking after and ministering to those on an Encounter Weekend.
- Following through on relevant issues arising out of the encounter.

I confirm that the student fulfilled the above criteria for an Encounter weekend held:

At:

On the weekend of:

Trainer's comments and follow up.

Date:

(dd/mm/yyyy)

Trainer:

My comments and follow up.

Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Student:

Prayer and Bible Reading

One of the key roles of the Open-Cell leader is to foster prayer and Bible literacy amongst their members. Planned trips to the Wednesday evening Prayer gathering every so often can do a great job in training your members and yourself in Spirit filled intercession. The KT Prayer Diary is the engine that drives our daily, cell group and prayer gatherings. It is important that you get into the habit of praying through our short daily prayer points and have a regular Bible reading plan or app.

Key experiences:

- To encourage, stimulate and supervise personal daily devotions and prayer to sustain the spirituality of Cell leader, cell members and KT Vision.

I confirm that the student is aware of the importance of prayer in the cells and cell member's life, knows how to utilise the KT Prayer Diary both for their own personal devotions and for those of the future cell members.

Trainer's comments and follow up.

My comments and follow up.

Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Student:

Trainer:

Cell Evangelism (1)

Share Life Course

One of the main roles of the Open-Cell leader is to encourage the effective witnessing of their Cell members. Each member is to become confident in sharing their faith with others. One of the most important skills an Open-Cell leader must have is the confidence and knowledge to share their own faith and so model evangelism to their members. The Evangelism Explosion 'Share Life Course' is the short course that we use to equip our members to share their faith in a relaxed and confident way. All Open-Cell leaders should prioritise the next available course (or its equivalent) over all other cell commitments.

I confirm that I have completed the Share Life Course (or equivalent) on:

Date:

Trainer's comments and follow up.

My comments and follow up.

Student:

Trainer:

Cell Evangelism (2)

Evangelism of three

We encourage all cell members to prayer-fully select three non-believing friends that they are in regular contact with in London, pray for their salvation and actively care and reach out to them. The KT Prayer diary always carries a section to facilitate this.

Discuss the practical out working of the evangelism of three in your own life with your trainer, discuss how to facilitate the evangelism of 3 in an Open-Cell what are the challenges of this and how to you overcome them.

We confirm that we have discussed the implementation of the Evangelism of three both in the life of the student and in an Open-Cell. The student is currently applying the Evangelism of three in their own life.

Key experiences:

- Personal prayer for the lost
- Friendship evangelism

Trainers comments and follow up.

My comments and follow up.

Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Student:

Trainer:

Cell Evangelism (3)

Open-Cell evangelism event

With the guidance of the trainer the trainee will organise an Evangelism event for the cell (or even downline) that they are in membership with. This can be a social event with non-believer friends invited to participate or focused around a particular KT evangelistic event.

Key experiences:

- Utilising the Evangelism of 3 to focus on an outreach event
- Planning and mobilising for such an event
- Consolidation of new believers

Please write below details of the event that you are organising:

Trainers comments and follow up.

A short report on the event including any testimonies.

Student:

Trainer:

Consolidation

One of the greatest roles of an Open-Cell leader is to facilitate the consolidation of new believers and new attenders at KT. If the student is not already doing a six month service with the Sunday Welcome or Consolidation team they will be seconded to them for a period until they have successfully helped a new believer or new attender settle into a cell at the church.

Key experiences:

- A practical understanding of the process of personal follow up and consolidation in the Welcome/Consolidation teams.
- Practical experience in handling new believers/attenders from first church contact to established cell membership

I confirm that the Student has a working knowledge and experience of the above

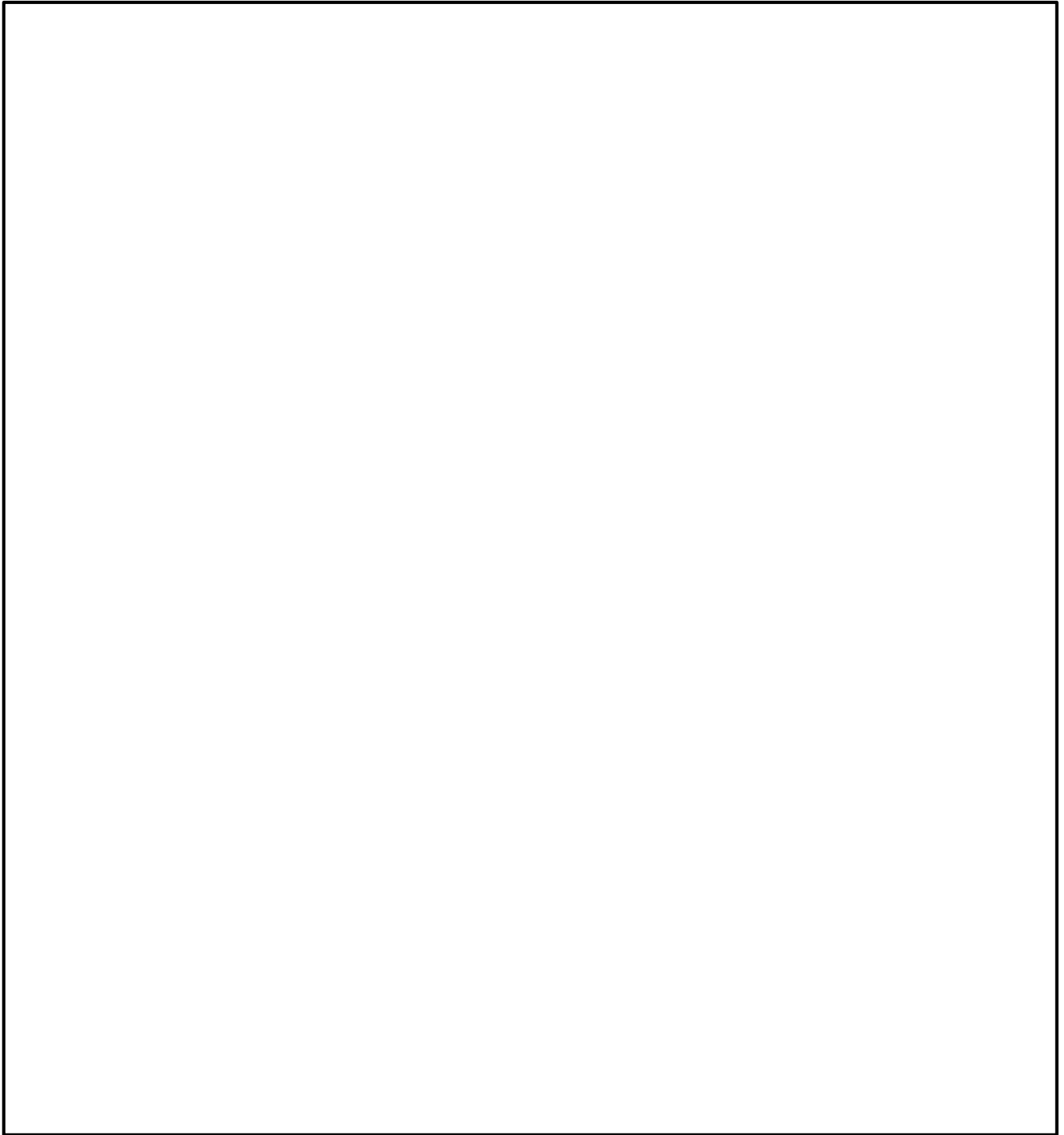
Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Student:

Trainer:

Trainers comments and follow up.

My comments and follow up.

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Starting your Open-Cell (1)

Many of the training experiences you have undertaken will actively help you in planning and starting your new successful Open-Cell.

This section enables both you and your trainer to both plan, activate and establish your new successful Open-Cell.

Group, Gather, Grow!

Gathering your first core members of your new Open-cell takes planning and action. This is where your trainer's experience will be especially helpful to you. There are many ways of finding new members such as:

- Through winning new souls through the evangelism of 3
- Going out with the Sunday evangelism teams
- Through the Sunday Consolidation teams
- Through helping on any Tuesday evening consolidation evenings
- Through the Sunday Welcome teams
- Through being available to receive referrals of new people/believers close to the location of your new cell

Speak to your trainer and devise a plan that will most effectively recruit new people to your cell. Make sure you set time sensitive goals. This should also be personally discussed with your Primary Cell leader (if they are not also your trainer) The primary leader will make sure the rest of leaders under their care are also looking out for appropriate new members to help you build your new cell.

We confirm that we have devised a time sensitive plan to recruit members for my new Open –Cell.

Trainers comments and follow up.

My comments and follow up.

Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Student:

Trainer:

Starting your Open-Cell (2)

Registering your new Open-cell

Congratulations! If you have reached this stage of your training you have now started your new Open-Cell ministry!

All Open-Cell leaders of Kensington Temple must be officially approved by our KT Church Board and then put on our official leadership list.

The Open-Cell leader registration pack explains the ethical, moral and doctrinal standards that are required of all Kensington Temple leaders.

We confirm that the student has signed all required Open-Cell registration forms

Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Trainer:

Student:

Primary Leader:

Starting your Open-Cell (3)

Growing your new Open-Cell

Once you have started your Open-Cell as well as developing your new members on the Ladder of Success you will also continue growing your cell by the same methods you started it.. Remember one of the best ways of growing your cell is through your member's contacts and a strong evangelistic strategy. As well as helping your members understand and apply the weekly Sunday Bible message you might also consider implementing the 'Six month Cell growth plan'. 'This plan is for new cell groups and gives a week by week focus to help the new leader and their Open-Cell. It has proven to be a very effective toll in growing and envisioning new Open-Cells.

If you do not implement the six month growth plan you must have an alternative six month plans of evangelism and growth.

I have/ have not begun to implement the 'Six month Cell growth plan'.

Student signature.

My alternative plan for the next six months includes the following:

Trainer/Primary Leader's comments and follow up.

My comments and follow up.

Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Trainer:

Student:

Primary Leader:

Graduating from the LDP and further training

Once your new Open-Cell is established to your trainer and Primary leader's satisfaction you will be eligible to graduate from the LDP. In order to be eligible to graduate you will have needed to have completed all sections of the LDP Student log book signed off by your trainer (and where applicable your Primary Leader). You will have also needed to have completed one month's online reporting and completed all the relevant Cell registration documents.

Once you have completed the Leadership Development Programme it is vital to appreciate that this is just the start of your life-long training as a leader and disciple here at Kensington Temple. It is our desire for every leader to receive ongoing training and development so that each year they become more proficient as a disciple of Christ and minister of the gospel.

Once you have graduated your LDP and any other relevant training you have done with us will be added to an online personal training profile where you will be able to receive ongoing training in various aspects of Christian discipleship, ministry and theology. Over the coming months and years you will be able to see your training profile grow and develop as you add key skills and learning outcomes to your resume.